

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A travel information providing center for providing user terminals with travel information, comprising:

a memory that stores information on registered members;

an input/output interface that receives a member ID from a user terminal; and

a controller coupled to the memory and the interface, and that confirms the registered member based on the received member ID and prepares travel information based on the information regarding the registered member that is stored in the memory prior to receiving the member ID upon confirmation that the member is registered.

2. (Original) The center according to claim 1, wherein:

the information on the member stored in the memory is the information on a home of the member; and

the home of the member is set as a starting point on a route prepared by the controller as part of the track information.

3. (Original) The center according to claim 1, wherein:

the input/output interface receives key information for specifying information requested by the member from the user terminal, and

the controller prepares the travel information based on the key information.

4. (Currently Amended) The center according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 3, wherein:

the key information is information on accommodation facilities; and

the controller selects accommodation facilities as part of the travel information to be provided, based on the member information stored in the memory.

5. (Original) The center according to claim 3, wherein:

the key information is information on tourist facilities; and
the controller selects tourist facilities as part of the travel information to be provided, based on the member information stored in the memory.

6. (Original) The center according to claim 1, wherein:
the input/output interface receives a destination of the user input through the user terminal, and
the controller prepares information on a route from a starting point to the destination as part of the travel information to be provided.

7. (Original) The center according to claim 6, wherein:
the information on the route includes at least one of information on the entire route and information on particular areas along the route.

8. (Original) The center according to claim 1, wherein:
the controller prepares, upon confirmation that the member is registered, the travel information so as to include route information and information on the locations of service providing facilities which are adjacent to the route and which are exclusively available to the member who has been identified based on the member information stored in the memory.

9. (Original) The center according to claim 1, further comprising:
a terminal that displays the travel information.

10. (Currently Amended) The center according to claim 1, further comprising:
a medium that stores the travel information; and
a terminal that reads the travel information ~~stores~~ stored on the medium and displays the travel information.

11. (Original) A travel information providing center for providing user terminals with travel information, comprising:

a memory that stores information on the locations of information providing terminals installed at various locations;

a input/output interface that receives a member ID; and

a controller coupled to the memory and the interface, and that confirms a registered member based on the received member ID, and provides route information as travel information to be provided to a user upon confirmation that the member is registered and provides information on locations of the information providing terminals which are installed adjacent to the route and which are stored in the memory.

12. (Original) The center according to claim 11, wherein:

the controller provides information on the location of the information providing terminal that sent the member ID received by the input/output interface.

– 13. (Currently Amended) An information providing terminal comprising:

an input device through which a user inputs a member ID of the user; and

a controller that provides detailed information on a vicinity of the information providing terminal that is stored prior to receiving the member ID upon confirmation that the user is a registered member based on the input member ID.

14. (Original) The information providing terminal according to claim 13, wherein:

the information provided by the controller includes at least one of information on the location of the information providing terminal and information on the vicinity of the information providing terminal.

15.-17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) A travel information providing system comprising:

a terminal through which a user inputs a member ID; and

a center having a memory that stores information on registered members and a controller that provides a registered member with travel information based on the member

information that is stored in the memory prior to receiving the member ID if it is determined from the member ID input through the terminal that the user is a registered member, wherein:

the terminal displays the travel information provided by the center.

19. (Currently Amended) A method of providing user terminals with travel information, comprising:

storing information on registered members in a memory;

receiving a member ID through an input/output interface from a user terminal;

confirming through a controller that the user is a registered member with a valid member ID; and

preparing travel information based on the information regarding the registered member that is stored in the memory prior to receiving the member ID upon confirmation that the member is registered.

20. (Original) A method of providing travel information comprising:

storing information on the locations of information providing terminals installed at various locations;

receiving a member ID through an input/output interface;

confirming a registered member based on the member ID;

providing route information as travel information to a user upon confirmation of the registered member; and

providing information on the locations of the information providing terminals which are installed adjacent to the route.

21. (Currently Amended) A method of providing travel information comprising:

inputting a member ID through a terminal;

storing information in a center on registered members in a memory;

providing a registered member with travel information based on the member information that is stored in the memory prior to receiving the member ID if it is determined from the member ID input through the terminal that the user is a registered member; and displaying the travel information provided by the center.